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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages); and
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace page 109 of the specification with replacement page 109 as follows:

REMARKS

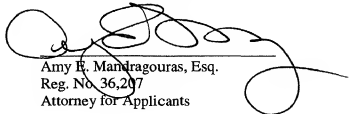
Table 11 has been amended rectify obvious errors in application as filed. The obvious errors occurred in Table 11, page 109 of the specification, where patients 401, 402, 403, 404, 501, 503, and 504 were referred to by name in the "sex/age" column. The remaining patients in Table 11 were all correctly listed by the appropriate female/male "F/M" designations. A replacement page 109 is enclosed in which Table 11 is amended to remove names of patients 401 F, 402 F, 403 F, 404 M, 501 M, 503 F, 504 M and insert "F/M" designations in place thereof. A "Version with Markings to Show changes Made" in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 is attached hereto. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below.

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